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Dear Sir:

A check of our files indicates that an Appeal Brief was filed in the above-identified application more than eight (8) months without having received an Office Action. Therefore, please advise us of the status of this application. This request is made to avoid any lack of diligence being attributed to the Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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